

Hitting the bricks

Street workers take their case to the sidewalks

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City's street department workers are hitting the sidewalks. The workers, who have been without a working contract with the city since April 1992, conducted an informational picket in front of City Hall Tuesday night prior to the City Council meeting.

"The street department is probably the hardest-working department in the city. We just want to be treated fairly," said Randy Adams, shop steward for laborers at the street department.

"We're still trying to negotiate an equitable contract," Mayor Ron Selph said.

Adams alleged that the city has made only one offer to the street workers through negotiations — a three-year contract (effective April 1992 through the end of this month) with a total wage increase of 9 percent.

Assistant City Attorney Ed Fitzhenry disputed Adams' allegation and said that street workers have rejected several offers over the past

two and one-half years. He added that a number of issues have been tentatively agreed to by both parties.

Adams said workers at the city's wastewater treatment plant recently received raises of 10½ percent over three years and a federal arbitrator recently gave the city's firefighters 11 percent over three years.

Wages are not the only issue workers and the city cannot agree on, Adams said.

He said workers take exception to a proposed cut in insurance benefits and a drug testing policy proposed by the city.

All other departments that have contracts with the city have accepted the city's insurance program.

"We want the same drug policy as the elected officials," Adams said.

The City Council adopted a voluntary drug-testing program for all elected officials — who cannot be fired — earlier this year. The city's police department has a random drug testing program that includes mandatory termination for a first offense involving illegal drugs. Other departments have testing programs

based on reasonable suspicion that offer treatment programs for a first offense.

The street workers distributed a flier to passersby Tuesday night with eight questions that they said illustrate their frustration with the City Council and administration.

But some of the information is misleading, city officials said.

For example, the flier asks why part-time aldermen "are entitled to receive full-time employee insurance benefits." But Assistant Comptroller Greg McCalley said that aldermen may only participate in the city's insurance program if they pay for it.

Similarly, the flier asks why recyclables collected in the city's pilot program "ultimately get dumped into the general trash area and mixed at the landfill."

City Inspector Vince Scrum said that recyclables end up in the landfill only if they are contaminated.

"Waste Management takes our recyclables to South Side Recycling in St. Louis," Scrum said.

The flier also blasts the City



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Laborers and Teamsters employed at the Granite City Street Department conduct an informational picket in front of City Hall. The workers have been without a contract since April 1, 1992.

Library suit could cost city

Konzen: \$1 million loss

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Leo Konzen wants to take his case to the public.

Konzen, city attorney in Granite City, said the public should know the potential impact of a nearly four-year-old lawsuit filed by the Granite City Library District against the city — a million dollar tax increase.

"Because the city and the library both levy taxes upon the residents of the city, I believe this matter should be resolved peacefully and in a way that benefits the citizens in the best possible way," Konzen said, adding that attempts to settle the lawsuit with the Library District have been unsuccessful.

Four years ago, the library sued the city for 15 percent of all city revenues from the personal property replacement tax fund, beginning in 1989. That amount now totals about \$900,000 and would be an additional \$200,000 per year every year, Konzen said.

Prior to 1989 — when the library district was formed and established its own taxing ability — the city funded the library's operation through its various revenues, including real estate taxes, sales taxes, personal property taxes and replacement taxes.

When the library formed its own district and separated from the city, it took with it the main library building at 20th

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— Leo Konzen
City Attorney

Street and Delmar Avenue, books and other assets. It also established a real estate tax rate of between 22 and 23 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The library district then sued the city for 15 percent of the replacement tax.

If the library district wins the lawsuit, Konzen said, the city will be forced to increase property taxes.

"Quite frankly, if you are ordered to pay (what the library is asking), you will have to go out and tax the same people again for the benefit of the library," Konzen told the City Council Tuesday night.

He said he compared the library district's financial statements from April 1992 to April 1994 and found that the total cash and investment fund balance grew by \$285,000, or about 8 percent, during

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Getting the once over — Three-week-old Michael Boyer is examined by Jackie Haug, a pediatric nurse practitioner at the Koch Family Health Center. Boyer was the first baby whose mother received all of her prenatal care at the center and then gave birth at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. See today's People Page, Page 5A, for story and more photos on the Koch Family Health Center.

Boy, 4, attacked by dog

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A four-year-old Venice child had to have reconstructive surgery Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center following an attack Monday afternoon by a stray dog.

Michael Summers, son of Gilbert and Valerie Summers of the 600 block of Jefferson Street, was released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center Tuesday and is recovering at home, according to his father.

Gilbert Summers said his son received more than 25 stitches in his head and had to have one of his ears sewn back together and a skin graft to repair the damage caused by the dog, a 35-40 pound collie mix.

According to police reports, the attack occurred at about 1:30 p.m. when Michael was with his parents in their back yard in the 600 block of Jefferson Street.

Gilbert Summers said he was preparing to let their dog, Missy, out of the garage when the other dog attacked.

"I was unlatching the door to the garage when my wife screamed," he said. "I turned around and thought they (the

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Entertaining — Mime Michael Rudolph rides a bucking suitcase during a performance at Wilson School. See Page 9A for more photos.

National store here to be sold

Schnuck Markets Inc. apparently will acquire the National Super Markets' store in Granite City under an agreement worked out this week with federal and state officials.

But as part of the agreement, Schnucks will be required to sell 24 stores — including the Collinsville, Cahokia and Fairview Heights National stores.

Schnucks announced Wednesday that it had reached an agreement with the Federal Trade Commission and the Missouri and Illinois attorney generals on the proposal.

The agreement requires Schnucks to sell 18 Nationals and six Schnucks stores to other food retailers. The 18 National locations to be sold include the Collinsville store at 1716 Vandallia as well as National stores in Fairview Heights and Cahokia. The only Illinois Schnucks location the FTC ordered sold is in Wood River.

"The required divestitures are far greater than we anticipated," Craig D. Schnuck, chairman and chief executive officer of Schnuck Markets Inc., said in a statement.

"We'll be able to pass those savings on to consumers and offer better value to our customers."

The divestiture means that Schnucks will add 26 stores in the St. Louis area to its current 50. All of the stores will remain open until they are sold to other supermarkets, Schnucks officials said. Schnucks will sell the stores within 12 months of completing its purchase of National.

Schnucks said it would meet with leaders of the unions with which it has contracts to discuss terms and conditions for National employees hired by Schnucks.

"Schnucks said National employees would be interviewed for positions with Schnucks beginning within two to three weeks. The company expects to hire more than half of the National employees despite the divestitures, a spokesman said.

There was no initial information available as to whether Schnucks would keep open all the stores it acquires. In announcing the purchase, Schnucks said it might close some stores in areas where two stores were situated near one another.

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Confession can be used in teen's murder trial

Prosecutors will be allowed to use the videotaped confession of an Edwardsville teen-ager when he is tried later this month for the murder of an 87-year-old Troy man.

Madison County Chief Judge Edward C. Ferguson issued an order Tuesday allowing prosecutors to use the confession as evidence against 16-year-old Kareem Jett.

Jett is charged with the Oct. 7, 1993, first-degree murder of Irwin Dollinger and the attempted murder of Dollinger's friend, Bernice Boda, 67.

Jett's attorney, Doris Gregory Black, tried in a hearing last week to have the videotaped confession suppressed, claiming Jett has a learning disability and did not understand his rights when he was questioned by police.

Madison County Assistant

State's Attorney Susan Jensen, who is prosecuting the case, said police verified Jett could read, write and understand his rights before he was interviewed.

In the court order, Ferguson wrote that it was obvious Jett was under arrest when he was questioned and was read rights several times before the interview.

Ferguson also wrote that Jett told police he understood his rights. He clearly waived them and was on probation at the time of his arrest and should have been familiar with the system, Ferguson ruled.

The judge also noted that Jett was neither forced nor tricked into making a confession and that Jett's parents were informed about his arrest.

Investigators told Jett he could terminate the interview at any time, Ferguson noted.

The confession is expected to be used during Jett's trial, set to begin March 20.

A co-defendant in the case, Anthony Townser, 19, also of Edwardsville, has pleaded guilty to the murder and attempted murder. He faces up to life in prison.

The two are accused of attacking Dollinger and Boda inside Boda's Edwardsville home in the 200 block of Springer Avenue.

Police said the couple had just returned from a senior citizens' dance when the teen-agers followed them inside and allegedly attacked them with a brick and slashed their throats with a kitchen knife.

Boda recovered from the attack, but Dollinger died two days later.

Jett and Townser were arrested about a week after the attack.

— From the Alton Telegraph



Ryan Craun



Trey Moore



Billy Swaringham

Granite City's most wanted

David W. "Trey" Moore, Ryan Craun and Billy Swaringham are among individuals wanted by Granite City police on outstanding felony warrants.

Moore, 19, of the 2000 block of Benton Street, is charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse in a warrant issued Dec. 13.

Bond on the warrant is \$50,000. Moore allegedly fondled the breasts of a 13-year-old girl in a Dec. 2 incident in Granite City.

Craun, 19, of Belleville, is charged with residential bur-

glary in a warrant issued Feb. 28. Bond on the warrant is \$150,000.

Craun allegedly entered a home in the 2500 block of Pine Street with the intent to commit a theft on Feb. 27. Police have apprehended two other suspects in connection with the case.

Swaringham, 18, of the 3800 block of Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, is charged with residential burglary in a warrant issued Nov. 10. Bond on the warrant is

\$100,000.

Swaringham allegedly entered a home in the 2300 block of East 25th Street with the intent to commit a theft on Nov. 3. He was arrested, but escaped from St. Elizabeth Medical Center, according to police.

Persons with information regarding the whereabouts of Moore, Craun or Swaringham are urged to call the Granite City Police Department at 877-6111 or 876-9027.

Suspect turns self in to police

A 28-year-old Venice man, wanted since December on a felony arson charge, turned himself in to police Sunday — the day his picture appeared in the *Granite City Journal*.

Harold C. "Dee Dee" Koelker, 28, of the 200 block of H a m p d e n Street, turned himself in to Venice police at about 7 p.m. Sunday.

He was wanted on an arson charge for allegedly setting fire to an apartment building in the 1700 block of Edison Avenue in Granite City on Sept. 4.

"I believe his arrest is directly related to that article in the newspaper," Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said.

Ruebhausen said detectives had contacted Venice Police officer Steve Koelker — Dee Dee Koelker's brother — two months ago about apprehending Dee Dee Koelker, but had no success.

Patrolman Steve Koelker called the Granite City police station Sunday and Monday to complain about the article, Ruebhausen said.

Koelker also called the newspaper office Monday afternoon and swore at a reporter.



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Gang activity cited in Collinsville shooting

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Gang activity could be a factor in a shooting in Collinsville Sunday night, police say.

The victim of that shooting was released from the hospital Wednesday.

One of three suspects in the case remained behind bars Wednesday.

A warrant issued by the office of Madison County State's Attorney William Haime Tuesday charge Romale Lamont Fox, 28, of East St. Louis with aggravated battery with a firearm.

Fox was being held Wednesday in the Madison County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Collinsville police were responding to a call of shots fired on Burlington when they found the 42-year-old victim at 9:40 p.m. Sunday.

lyming in the street in the first block of Burlington, several doors from his home.

Police said the man was shot in the left knee while running from the assailants. The suspects fled in a 1985 Cadillac, police said.

The victim is not being identified.

Fox was arrested early Monday morning after National City police stopped the Cadillac. Fox was one of the males in the car. All three ran from police; the other two escaped but Fox was captured.

Assistant Collinsville Police Chief Gerrit Gillespie said he is confident that the remaining two suspects will be found.

Gillespie said police still don't have a clear motive in the case. The victim had allegedly helped the three suspects start their car after the vehicle stalled in Collinsville.

Gillespie said that police would be interviewing the victim again but confirmed that gang activity could be a factor in the shooting.

"A couple of the suspects are affiliated with gangs in the East St. Louis area," Gillespie said.



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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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Frequently the question arises as to whether or not an individual involved in a one-car accident is entitled to coverage under his own automobile insurance policy. Most automobile policies provide that the insured is not entitled to recover under his own policy in the event he is driving at the time of the one-car accident. Would the result be different in the event that another person is driving your car in which you are injured in a similar one-car mishap?

A plaintiff in a 1971 case was the owner of the automobile, and she filed suit against her own insurance company for personal injuries sustained by her while she was riding as a passenger in her own car. The car was driven by a friend who had no insurance. The one-car accident occurred when the car left the road and struck a large rock. The plaintiff had substantial medical bills and attempted to recover under the uninsured motorist provision of her own policy.

All parties acknowledged that the injured passenger was not entitled to recover under the liability portion of her policy based on a provision in the policy which excluded such

coverage. However, the policy also contained an uninsured motorist provision. The issue which the Court had to decide was whether the uninsured motorist coverage was applicable in a case such as this.

The insurance company argued that under the terms of the passenger's own policy, she was not covered by the uninsured motorist provision because at the time of the accident she was riding in an insured automobile. The plaintiff argued that since the defendant had no insurance of his own, and because the liability portion of her policy did not apply to her in this situation, that therefore the defendant was in fact an uninsured motorist.

The Court noted that the Insurance Code of this state requires every automobile liability policy to contain uninsured motorist coverage. The Court felt that the purpose of this provision was to ensure that compensation would be available to policyholders in the event of injury by an uninsured motorist.

The Court, therefore, held that the uninsured motorist coverage was available to the injured plaintiff in this case.

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Ohio residents like dirty merf

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Residents of Medina County, Ohio are apparently pleased with their mixed-waste materials recovery facility.

"I think this is great. We had a curbside recycling program, but this facility is far and away better than that," said Arnold Conolly, 74, a resident of Medina County who lives about five miles from the Central Processing Facility.

The CPF is a mixed-waste materials recovery facility (merf). The facility has the ability to divert about 60 percent of the waste stream from landfills, including recyclables (16 percent), yard waste and other compostables (12 percent), and refuse derived fuel (35 percent).

Although Conolly could throw all of his trash into one heap and let the county pull recyclables from his garbage, he elects to bring his plastic, aluminum, glass and bundled old newspapers to the facility's drop-off bins.

"I don't have anything better to do now that I'm retired," Conolly said.

Chuck Jacobs, 37, lives about two miles from the CPF.

"My wife got onto this recycling kick," Jacobs said as he systematically pulled his plastic, aluminum, paper and glass from the back of his pickup truck and placed them in dumpsters outside the facility.

"This is a good place to have. People used to dump their old refrigerators, tires and stuff on the side of the road because there was no place to take them."

Although there was some initial resistance in the community to the "dirty" merf when it was first proposed in 1991, nearby residents — the facility is located in the middle of an agricultural residential community — have since warmed to the plan.

"We had one woman who was very vocal in her opposition to the facility during the planning stages. She lives within a mile of the facility," said Medina County Solid Waste Coordinator Bill Strazinsky.

"Later on, she called and asked when we were going to begin operations. It was a pleasure to tell her we had already been up and running for about three months," Strazinsky said.

Tipping fees at the Medina County facility are about double those charged at area landfills. The cost of garbage collection for the average homeowner in Medina County increased by about \$2 per month when the merf opened, Strazinsky said.

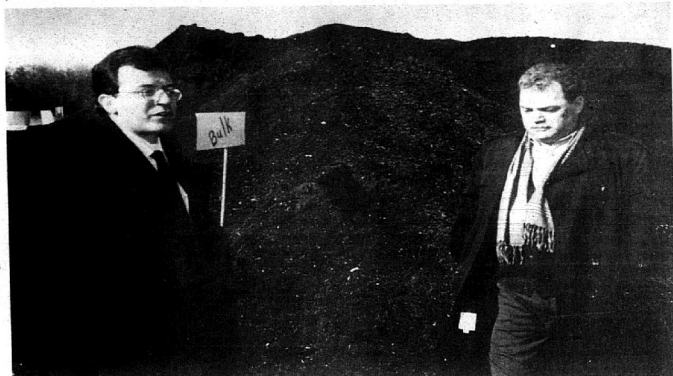
Norton Environmental, a private waste management services and services company that built and operates the Medina County facility, has proposed building and operating a similar \$8 million facility in Wood River.

While Norton officials will not divulge the exact tipping fee proposed for the Madison County facility, they said that the total cost of the program will result in an increase of about \$2 per month per household — the same cost increase Madison County officials are estimating for a proposed curbside recycling program that would include a clean merf.

"In Medina County, we have to haul our RDF (refuse derived fuel) about 45 miles to Akron to a fuel-to-energy plant and we haul to a landfill about 60 miles away," said Louis Perez, vice president of marketing for Norton.

"At the proposed Madison County facility, we would only have to haul about two miles to a landfill and our RDF customer would be right next door."

"If we can cut those transportation costs dramatically, we can (See TRASH, Page 6A)



Norton Environmental Vice President of Marketing Louis Perez, left, explains the composting operation to Terry Kelahan, superintendent of the Granite City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Workers, machines cull trash

While clean material recovery facilities rely on their customers to separate recyclable materials from the waste stream before they set out their garbage, mixed-waste facilities utilize workers and automation to pull recyclables from the garbage.

The Medina County Solid Waste District's Central Processing Facility in Ohio employs about 60 workers on two shifts five days a week and millions of dollars of equipment to pull paper, aluminum, plastic and compostables from trash.

All garbage in Medina County is transported to the CPF, where it is dumped on the indoor tipping floor after being weighed at the gate for billing purposes.

A front-end loader spreads the piled garbage while its operator looks for hazardous and other non-recyclable materials. The remaining garbage is pushed into a waste pit, from which a conveyor lifts the trash to the primary sorting station.

In the primary sorting station, about 15 workers pull recyclable

paper and cardboard from the garbage as the conveyor carries it by. The material is dropped through holes in the floor to holding bins before being baled.

The remaining garbage is carried to a large trommel, a rotating enclosed drum 12 feet in diameter that shreds garbage bags and sorts smaller waste — such as coffee grounds, dirt and broken glass — through small holes in the drum. The fine materials that fall through the holes are then carried by conveyor to a bin and later taken to the compost facility.

After larger items leave the trommel, they are carried by conveyor over a platform with six-inch holes. Soda and soup cans drop through the holes and an electromagnet lifts iron cans off the conveyor.

Utilization of an Eddy Current Separator causes aluminum cans to "jump" off the line and into a bin for baling later.

The remaining garbage is then carried to a secondary sorting station, where workers pull

plastics from the stream and drop them through the floor to holding bins prior to baling.

The remaining material is dropped through a shredder. Some of the shredded material is used to make refuse derived fuel. The remaining material, about 40 percent of the material that initially entered the facility, is sent to a landfill.

Once the recyclable material is baled, it is shipped to various markets. The Medina County facility can process about 400 tons of garbage each day and processes all garbage the day it is dumped.

"Nobody goes home until everything is processed," said Steve Viny, president of Norton Environmental, the company that designed, built and operates the Medina County facility.

Viny said that Norton can divert as much as 63 percent of the waste stream from landfills by pulling recyclables (16 percent), composting (12 percent), and manufacture of refuse derived fuel (35 percent).

Old wood becomes compost

Proponents of a mixed-waste materials recovery facility say they can divert materials from landfills that clean merfs cannot.

"This wood would go directly to a landfill in a community with a curbside program," said Louis Perez, Norton Environmental vice president of marketing, as he pointed to a mountain of pallets and skids at the Medina County Solid Waste District's Central Processing Facility in Ohio.

"But we use it to enhance our composting operation."

Norton has proposed building an \$8 million mixed-waste processing facility — or dirty merf — in Madison County. The proposed facility, to be located in Wood River, would be identical to the Medina County plant, but would be owned by Norton, Perez said.

The Medina County facility utilizes workers and automation to pull recyclable paper, aluminum and plastic from residential and commercial garbage.

It also has a compost facility that area residents may utilize to get rid of leaves, grass clippings, Christmas trees and other yard waste at no charge.

The Medina County facility also utilizes recycling bins in densely populated areas throughout the county to allow residents to drop off glass and other recyclables.

"If people want to separate the materials themselves, they may do so," Perez said.

He said the technology utilized at the Medina County facility is actually ahead of the recycling market.

"That's the real beauty of this facility. We have the ability to pull carpets, white goods — all kinds of materials — from the waste stream."

"The markets and technology are always changing. Once there is a use for these materials, we already have the ability to pull them out," Perez said.

Foster parents seeking safeguards

SPRINGFIELD — Privatizing state foster care for abused and neglected children needs more safeguards, according to the Illinois Foster Parents Association.

"Private agencies vary so much that it is scary," association President JoAnn Flaherty said Tuesday, noting some have tough standards and others virtually no standards at all.

The association raised concerns over a plan unveiled Monday by the Catholic Conference of Illinois calling for private agencies to relieve the Department of Children and Family Services as caretakers for the state's abused and neglected children.

Supporters say DCF's should maintain its guardian role through licensing and contract monitoring but should not take care of children.

"We're saying the department needs to get out of doing all the direct child-related services once they find an abuse report," said Larry Drury, executive director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Springfield.

Under the plan, private agencies like Catholic Charities, which operates Catholic Children's Home in Alton and handles foster-care placement in area, would take over all of DCF's direct-care responsibilities by the year 2000.

Gov. Jim Edgar voiced support for the plan Monday while signing the welfare reform bill in Chicago.

But Flaherty said private agencies would have too much control.

At least a fourth of the state's foster homes should continue to be supervised by DCF's, she said.

"The state should never forget how to run it, just in case," Flaherty said, adding that many of the children in DCF's foster homes have severe behavior problems and were rejected by the private agencies.

"We are very skeptical," Flaherty said. "Foster parents need to be involved if this change is going to happen."

More than 60 percent of training, child placement and other direct-care services are being provided by private agencies. Catholic agencies serve more than 7,000 children, making them the largest direct-care service provider in Illinois.

Although declining to fully support the plan before reading the proposal, DCF's Director Jess McDonald said he would consider it.

"These are not concepts we are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with," McDonald noted his agency is relying on private agencies to care for about 27,000 children, while only 15,000 are cared for directly by the state.

"The state is not necessarily the best entity to provide direct hands-on services," said Jura Scharf, associate director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois. "It is, however, the appropriate entity to make certain that public dollars are appropriately spent."

The Catholic Conference serves about one-sixth of the children in DCF's care and one-third of those Downstate.

Under the plan, the role of DCF's would shift to monitoring, funding and licensing care providers.

DCF's would continue handling investigations of alleged abuse and neglect, and placing children in short-term foster homes and emergency shelters.

Drury said that the plan supports the DCF's move toward providing more community-based services.

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Tacking the emergency room preference

Koch Family Health Center takes load off medical center's ER

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Visits to the emergency room for minor problems — sniffles, sore throats, cuts and bruises — have become common in a society in which that is the only way many low-income patients can receive treatment. But such visits cost hospitals a lot of time and money; St. Elizabeth Medical Center has not been an exception to the trend. Recently, though, the hospital has cut down on the practice — reducing costs and improving services in the process — by shifting some of that patient load to the Koch Family Health Center.

Within the past year, the center has moved to a larger area at SEMC, and is continuing to expand services.

The center, begun in May 1988, moved in July.

"Right now we're seeing twice as many people per month than last year because we have more room," said Dr. Elizabeth Wetzel, the center's medical director.

Without the center, most of those patients would probably use the emergency room or not have any health care at all.

"These are the people who work at Hardee's and Jerry's Cafeteria and the auto body shop," Wetzel said. "They are working people but don't have health insurance, and they make too much money to qualify for benefits."

Because of that, the center charges on a sliding scale, with a minimum payment of \$10.

The center has also expanded its hours and is now open 12 hours every day, seven days per week. It has also added staff, and now has two full-time and two part-time physicians. It also has a full-time pediatric nurse-practitioner and two physician assistants.

"We're able to see a whole lot more people," she said. "It used to be a six-week waiting time for a new patient to get in because we were not there."

"We only had four exam rooms,



Dr. John Vallian listens to a patient's lungs during an examination at the Koch Family Health Center. (Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

and only had staff for one person at a time," she added.

Today, the center has eight treatment rooms, and can add two more.

"Right now we are the primary care facility for almost 12,000 people," Wetzel said.

On a typical day, 80-90 people will be treated at the center. Many of them are referred from the emergency room.

Wetzel said most people who come into the emergency room do not have real health emergencies, but they either cannot get to their

own doctor or do not have one.

This creates problems for hospitals because emergency room visits are more expensive than a regular visit to the doctor's office. That is because emergency rooms are staffed differently and patients are treated differently.

"We (the Koch Center) are much more cost-effective in that an emergency room staffs more people, they have all registered nurses, and they staff for large volume and more severe injuries," she said.

"A person having a heart attack takes up a whole lot more

staff than a kid with a sore throat."

She said each emergency room visit requires an average of one hour nursing time, while the clinic requires about 10 minutes.

"When a person comes in (to the emergency room) they may need IV fluid, they may need medications, or they've got monitors, and there is a lot of time involved," she said.

"Our nurse weighs them, takes their temperature, measures their height and they are done with them."

"When you talk about cost in medicine, it's a service industry

just like anything else," Wetzel said. "A mechanic charges you for parts and labor. When you think about it, what are they charging you in the emergency room — for the doctor's time and expertise, the nursing time and expertise, for the supplies that we use."

She added that in 1993 the most common diagnosis in SEMC's emergency room was sore throat.

"People came to the emergency room because of a sore throat. They couldn't go anywhere else. They couldn't get in to their doctor or they don't have a doctor."

In addition to the cost savings, patients who don't have life- or limb-threatening injuries or illnesses are also better treated in the clinic, Wetzel said.

Part of the reason is record-keeping. In an emergency room, doctors usually have no knowledge of the patient's medical history.

"In the emergency room they have to guess at a lot of things, and then they tend to over-treat," she said.

Wetzel, who also works in the hospital's emergency room, said that is common and necessary.

"In the emergency room, you don't know how seriously to take a complaint, so you take everything seriously," she said. "You treat patients more aggressively. You cover your butt, because you're not going to see them the next day."

"If I don't know what is going on, if I don't know their history, I'm more likely to X-ray them or give them more antibiotics," she said.

"When a patient goes to the emergency room, the doctor doesn't know what went on last week, they don't know what went on last month, they don't know anything," she said. "When they come in to see me (at the clinic), I can look at what has been going on."

"I can treat the patients more appropriately, while in the emergency room they've got one shot," she said.

Education, outreach assume important roles

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Although treatment is the primary function of the Koch Family Health Center, Dr. Elizabeth Wetzel, the center's medical director, believes education and community outreach are becoming more important.

"We're trying to reach out more to the community and keep people healthy," she said.

"Right now our big focus is keeping them out of the hospital. I'd like to branch out and go into the communities and do more education and emphasize preventive medicine," she said.

"We need to be helping our patients learn how to take care of themselves."

The center does as much education as possible with the 12,000 patients they see each year, Wetzel said.

There is not a lot of educating possible, but hospital officials "try to mix it in with each visit, especially school physicals," she said.

About 67 percent of the center's patients are under 18. "So we're kind of geared toward pediatric, adolescent and young adult problems," she said.

For that age group, education means avoiding the cutting down on smoking, having regular visits to the doctor, up-to-date immunizations, basic hygiene,



Dr. Elizabeth Wetzel

nutrition and good diet.

"If you go out in the waiting room you see all the kids eating their fast foods and their Fritos and their potato chips," she said.

For kindergarten students, education means encouragement to wear seat belts and brush your teeth. "In kindergarten, they can't understand much, so we don't overload — wear your seat belts and brush your teeth is enough," she said.

"One thing in the Granite City area that I've never seen in medical school in Chicago or residency in North Carolina is rotten teeth in children," she

said. "I've never seen that before and there are a whole lot of kids in Granite City that have rotten teeth."

By the fifth grade, wearing seat belts, brushing teeth and not smoking are emphasized. She said smoking is the largest health problem in the U.S. "Kids get sick twice as often in a family that smokes," she said.

"At the high school level, they get 'wear your seat belts, brush your teeth, don't start smoking, don't do drugs,' and then we go through some sex education with them," she said.

Wetzel said the future of the center depends on funding.

Recent emphasis on balancing the federal budget and cutting costs worries her.

Approximately 75 percent of the center's patients are on some kind of aid, and about 20 percent are uninsured.

"This place loses money every day," she said. "With state of Illinois reimbursements the way they are, there is no way we can make ends meet."

"If the money disappears from the government, who knows what's going to happen," she said. "These hospitals are all at risk."

Despite that, Wetzel is optimistic. She said the center has received great support of the hospital administration and the community.

At left, Josie Phillips, right, a physician assistant, explains medication to patient Josephine Lewis at the Koch Family Health Center.

At right, Kathy Haarmann, R.N., a certified diabetic educator, discusses ways that David Smith can alter his lifestyle to help control his diabetes.

Preventing illness is one of the goals of the health center.



Nurse Debbie McKinney weighs nine-month-old Brittany Luffman before a doctor sees her at the Koch Family Health Center.



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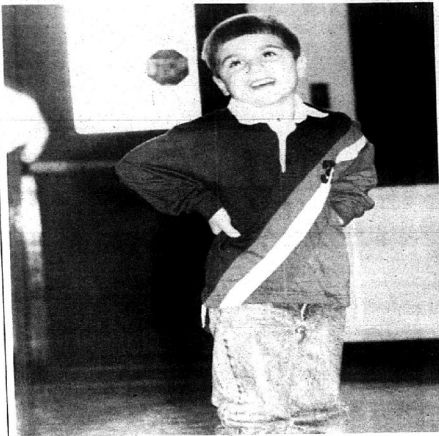
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Artistry — Students at Wilson School were treated to the artistry of mime by Michael Rudolph during a recent school assembly. Above, Rudolph pulls sixth grader Kimberly Williams from the audience to participate in a skit. At left above, first grader Eric Flynn isn't sure he wants to do what Rudolph asks. At left, Rudolph introduces his show-stealing cat to the audience.

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Pile removal too costly — EPA

While removing a 290,000-ton lead pile from downtown Granite City would eliminate the source of possible future groundwater contamination, a federal agency is recommending against such a solution because of the costs associated with it. Brad Bradford, project manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NL Industries Taracorp Superfund site, said the difference in cost between removing the pile or capping the pile and dealing with groundwater contamination is about \$30 million.

Some city officials said that EPA greatly underestimated the costs associated with drilling wells, treating and pumping contaminated water.

'Dirty merf' impresses officials

A group of seven Granite City officials traveled to Medina County, Ohio, last week to tour a mixed waste materials recovery facility (merf) there.

"If the mixed-waste merf can meet the state mandate for recycling, divert a larger percentage of the waste stream from landfills, do it for the same cost (as a curb-side recycling program) and more conveniently for residents, why would the county want to implement a curbside program?" asked Louis Perez, vice president of marketing for Norton Environmental.

Apartment plans abandoned

Citing complaints from area residents, a Missouri company is abandoning plans to build a \$3.1 million 48-unit apartment complex next to Word of Life Tabernacle on Maryville Road.

Local residents had mounted a petition drive against the development, citing problems with the poor drainage and the area's high water table.

Glik donates to Youth Center

Granite City businessman Joe Glik has pledged to donate \$100,000 to the Mayor's Youth Center in Granite City.

"This gift is my way of thanking the community for their support of our family's business for more than 90 years," Glik said.

The youth center is the dream of Mayor Ron Selph. A not-for-profit corporation has been established, an architect selected and several fund raisers are planned.

Contamination at fire station

Since 1991, when four underground gasoline tanks were removed from the main Granite City fire station property, the city has spent a half-million dollars — mostly Illinois Environmental Protection Agency funds — to clean up contamination at the site.

But environmental experts from the St. Louis firm of Schreiber, Graun and Yonley said last week they can't find the source of apparently "new" contamination on the site, in effect leaving the city back at square one in the cleanup process.

Coast Guard will move to Price

The Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center may be on the Pentagon's black list, but it has a bright future with the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard is continuing with plans to move its St. Louis base to the Price Center, including construction of an \$8 million complex beginning this summer.

Pontoon gets free trash hauling

The Pontoon Beach Village Board approved an agreement for free trash hauling for the village from Miller's Trash Service. Trustee Janet Barringer said the village had recently switched from Miller to another hauling service that offered a better rate. Herman Miller, owner of Miller's Service, offered to haul the village's trash free in order to regain the business, Barringer said.

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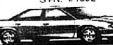
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Road-building money at risk

Lack of helmet law could cost state \$12 million

SPRINGFIELD — Another \$12 million in highway construction money is at stake as the state grapples with federal sanctions implemented because Illinois has no motorcycle helmet law.

If Illinois does not pass a helmet law by Oct. 1, \$12 million in federal money will be shifted from construction to safety programs, Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Larry Wort said.

Illinois gets about \$200 million a year in federal highway construction money.

State Sen. John Cullerton of Chicago has been pushing for a helmet law for more than a dozen years and will try again this year.

"Besides the cost of the federal sanctions, we're all paying for the lack of a helmet law in Illinois when we continue to shell out higher and higher taxes and insurance payments to cover medical costs for those who suffer head injuries in motorcycle accidents," Cullerton said.

He said he expects his bill to be considered this month by the Senate Transportation Committee.

Support for helmet legislation has steadily declined in recent years. Although it has passed at least one legislative chamber in some sessions, it has not gotten out of

committee in either of the previous two sessions.

The motorcycle riders' group A Brotherhood Allied Towards Education has mounted a successful lobbying effort against helmet laws.

Rep. Ron Stephens, R-Troy, who was given a leather ABATE vest recently for being one of its strongest supporters, predicted helmet legislation will fail again this year.

Cullerton cited a recent IDOT report that stated motorcycle fatalities in Illinois jumped 6 percent to 146 in 1994, compared with 136 in 1993.

However, the increase does not support the need for mandatory helmet use, Stephens said.

Those could be for motorcyclists crushed in accidents and be head injuries were involved. These are no statistical evidence would helmet reduces injuries or fatalities, he said.

In fact, helmet use may contribute to injuries because of the weight and hearing problems, the sheer weight of the helmet and the fatigue factor.

Without the federal sanctions, Stephens said, "my only option is to try to hold us back and make it not need people in

Washington telling us how to handle our problems."

IDOT officials continue to back legislation requiring mandatory use of helmets while they fight sanctions.

"The department supports the helmet legislation but it is also supporting efforts to get the federal sanctions repealed," IDOT spokeswoman Martha Schiebel said.

Illinois is one of three states, along with Colorado and Iowa, penalized for not having a helmet law.

As of Oct. 1, about \$6 million in federal highway construction money the state normally would have received was reserved for safety programs, Wort said.

The state is awaiting federal approval of its proposal to spend most of that money for grants to counties and other local governments to update and computerize accident and driving records.

The federal sanctions are not really a loss to the state since they paid for worthwhile safety programs, Stephens said. He contended the \$6 million deduction was taken from road construction money the state probably wouldn't have received anyway.

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Briefly

Child safety program planned

Dr. Gregory T. Jones, DMD, will be hosting the Safe-T-Child program from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at his office, 3704 Pontoon Road. Immediate Response identification cards will be \$6 and include a free Safe-T-Child guide. Your child will be photographed, fingerprinted, weighed and measured.

Safe-T-Child has a legal agreement with its directors that binds them from keeping any information after the program processing is over. In addition, directors have had criminal background checks.

If you have any questions, call Safe-T-Child at 344-2222.

Lincoln Dinner Saturday

The Madison County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner will be held Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bethalto.

The cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Scheduled to attend are Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra and Secretary of State George Ryan.

A donation of \$20 per person is required and checks should be made payable to the Madison County Republican Central Committee.

Call ticket chairman Angela Walters at 254-0676 for more information.

Food service workshop set

A workshop that will prepare people for the food service sanitation certification examination is scheduled for March 21 to May 9 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

All food service establishments in Illinois are required to have a certified supervisor on duty during normal operation hours. Satisfactory completion of this course qualifies participants to be eligible to take the state examination for food service sanitation certification.

Classes meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 0302 of the Peck Classroom Building. Registration is \$75.

Participants can purchase textbooks at the first class meeting. Francine Fisher, an administrator in University Food Service, will be the instructor.

For information, call the SIUE Office of Continuing Education at 692-3210.

Senator defends religious fliers in schools

SPRINGFIELD — A state senator from the Joliet area has introduced a resolution ripping the Roxana School District for stopping three pupils from distributing religious booklets with their valentines.

"It's unfortunate someone who doesn't have all the facts in this situation is making judgments," Sen. Edward Petka said. Although it has Roxana Superintendent James Herndon said.

The resolution sponsored by Sen. Edward Petka, R-Plainfield, champions the David and Dawn Richardson family of South Roxana.

The Richardsons filed suit Jan. 25 in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis alleging the school district violated their children's constitutional rights when it adopted a policy in 1993 prohibiting pupils from distributing religious material to classmates.

The root of the suit dates to February 1993 when teachers at South Roxana Elementary School confiscated religious tracts stapled to Valentine's cards that the Richardson children — Christopher, 11, Christina, 10, and Nicholas, 7 — gave classmates.

Petka said he introduced the resolution after reading a recent newspaper story about the controversy. The article, from the Alton Telegraph, was reproduced in a statewide newspaper clipping service.

"Nobody contacted me about this," Petka said. "I just think it's a bad policy and against the U.S. and Illinois constitutions for a school district to say these kids can't express their religious views. If this is defended by the school district, they're going to lose it. The Richardsons are going to win this case."

If his resolution is approved, it would "have no legal impact and would not be admissible as evidence" in the lawsuit, he said. "This is just expressing the moral authority or bully pulpit of the Senate."

Dawn Richardson said she appreciates Petka's action.

The children are very over-

whelmed that a senator would do that. They are very happy that this was the first time a senator to file a bill as they stood behind them.

Asked about the resolution, David Richardson said, "I think the law is the law."

The resolution was not an act of heroism, he said. It was a Senator's duty to represent the people in a public way.

"We certainly hope the action taken by the senator this

ana Elementary School in forbidding the children to pass out religious materials, whether religious or not, and by the Roxana School District in devising a policy that clearly violates the Illinois Constitution and the U.S. Constitution."

"We wholeheartedly commend the actions of Dawn and David Richardson for defending the civil and religious liberties of their children and all children of this land in the noble tradition of

our ancestors."

"We respectfully ask that people in the South Roxana Elementary School, the Roxana School District, the South Roxana area and the county of Madison come to the aid and support of the Richardsons in their case against the Roxana School District."

Herndon said the lawsuit is pending and no hearings are scheduled.

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At the regular meeting of the Tri-Cities Knights of Columbus Council 1098, an election of officers for the Columbus Home was held. The new officers elected were Roy Ponce, president; John Moseley, vice president; Walter Conklin, recording secretary; John Stanfill, treasurer; trustees for three year terms, John Haug, John Moran, Rudy Koiser and Bob Palus; and trustees for two years, Ray Sudholt. These officers will assume office at the next regular meeting of the Columbus Home.

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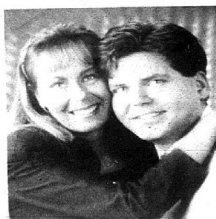
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Diana Ashal
and Dr. Bernd Eggers
**Ashal-
Eggers**

Diana Eilene Ashal, daughter of Vincent and Karin (Caspar) Ashal of Granite City, and Dr. Bernd Eggers of Hannover, Germany, have announced their engagement.

Ashal of Heidelberg, Germany, formerly of Granite City, is a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School. She received her bachelor's degree in international business and foreign languages from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and is employed by Kodak A.G. in Germany as a U.S. government key account manager.

A May 13 wedding at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City is being planned. A reception will be held at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Card club honors two for birthdays

The January meeting of the Butterfly Card Club was a lunch at Brenda's and then dessert at the home of Edith Ryan. Prior to dessert, Mary Lou Clausen and Hazel Rollins were honored for their birthday, each



Mr. and Mrs.
Ollie Walker
**Walker-
60 Years**

Ollie and Ada Belle Walker celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 1994, with a dinner at their residence in Madison. Family members hosted the dinner with a roast of yesteryear and yesterday.

Mr. Walker and the former Ada Belle Abraham were married Jan. 31, 1934, in Grand Chain, Ill. He is retired from American Steel Foundry in Granite City and she is a retired homemaker. They are the parents of six children, Gloria, Vivian Betty, Cynthia and Eugene William, all of Madison, and Ollie Jr. and Arietta Walker of East St. Louis. Rounding off the Walker clan are 22 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandson, LeRondrick Martinez Robinson.

Cemetery fund receives \$3,050 gift

On Feb. 23, a check for \$3,050 was presented to Father William Fisher, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, by Sir Knight John Kezman, Sir Knight John Moran and Brother Knight Rudy Hoffer of the Tri-Cities Knights of Columbus. This money is to be added to the cemetery building fund at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. The donation will help move ahead with the building of a new chapel and office complex.



Janet House
and Maurice Silas
**House-
Silas**

Janet House, daughter of Jessie and Emma Jean House of Springfield, Ill., and Maurice Silas, son of Willie B. Silas of Madison, have announced their engagement.

House, of Quincy, is a 1981 graduate of Springfield Southeast High School, Springfield, and a 1985 graduate of Eureka College with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and is employed by Chaddock in Quincy as a case manager and teacher.

Silas is a 1983 graduate of Madison Senior High School and attended Belleville Area College for two years, where he played basketball. He majored in business administration and is employed by the Southwest Illinois Regional Dialysis Center in Granite City as a dialysis patient care technician.

A May 1995 wedding is planned at Union Baptist Church in Springfield.



Angela Moore
and Mark Succarotte
**Moore-
Succarotte**

Angela Kay Moore, daughter of Richard Moore and Kathleen Swift, both of Granite City, and Mark Edward Succarotte, son of Rev. Thomas and Tanya Succarotte of Madison, have announced their engagement.

Moore is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School and received associate degrees in applied science and science and arts.

She is employed with Incarnate Word Hospital in St. Louis as a physical therapist assistant. Succarotte is a 1986 graduate of Madison High School and received a bachelor's degree in science degree in education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He is employed with Madison Middle School in Madison as a sixth-grade teacher. A June wedding at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Madison is being planned.



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Prep roundup

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Granite City Sports Hall of Fame Committee members include, left to right, Steve Burdige, Les Thompson, Ray Hoffman and Tony Panozzo.

3 new members on Hall of Fame Committee

Three new members have been elected to the governing body of the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame Committee.

The new members are Steve Burdige, proprietor of the Medicine Shoppe and a long time soccer enthusiast who is active in

the Granite City Soccer Alumni group, Ray Hoffman, recreation supervisor for the Granite City Park District and vice president of the Illinois Amateur Softball Association, and Tony Panozzo, sports editor of the Granite City Press-Record.

New individual inductees for

the Hall of Fame, winners of special recognition awards and teams from Granite City High School and the community will be announced soon. The individuals and teams will be honored at the Hall of Fame's annual banquet May 12.

Wrestling Club piles up more championships

While the Granite City Wrestling Club was busy working on a second-place finish Saturday at the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation state dual team tournament, the younger members of the team spent the weekend at tournaments in Litchfield and East Peoria.

On Saturday, Granite City sent five wrestlers to the match and came away with three champions in a tournament at Litchfield. Justin McElroy, Cory Nance and Austin Wagoner won titles, and Troy Howell and Jus-

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The regional meet is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the GCCHS annex.

Sports shorts

Umpires needed

The Granite City Park District is seeking baseball and softball umpires for youth games this summer at Wilson Park and will hold a rules meeting at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Brown Recreation Center.

Young adult girls and boys are needed as well as adults. Umpires will be taught the rules and mechanics needed to call Park District games. The meeting is free. For more information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park office, 877-3059.

Legacy tourney

The Legacy Golf Course will hold its fifth annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament on Saturday, March 18.

The tournament, a four-player scramble, will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost of \$160 per team includes greens fees, cart prizes, and a corned beef and cabbage dinner. For more information, call 931-4653.

Khouri sign-ups

The Mitchell Athletic Club is extending Khouri League registration through the month of March. Registration will be held from 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Mitchell School gymnasium, 315 E. Chain of Rocks Road.

All players must register and will be placed on teams by year of birth. The fees for a schedule of at least 10 games are \$25 for T-Ball (ages 5-6), \$30 for softball (ages 7-8), and \$35 for baseball (ages 9-12).

Anyone interested in managing or umpiring may register or call L. Monroe at 797-1532 for more information.

Pontoon Khouri sign-ups

The Pontoon Beach Khouri League will hold sign-ups for the 1995 baseball and softball season on Mondays and Saturdays through March.

Sign-ups will be held from 6-8 p.m. Mondays at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Hall and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at Tracy's Shirt Shop, 4084 Park Lane.

Registration requires an original and copy of child's birth certificate. League fees are \$20 for T-Ball and coach-pitch, \$30 for baseball, \$20 for softball and \$35 for adult softball.

Youth players are needed for the 1995 season. Anyone interested in managing, coaching or umpiring may call Tracy at 931-2991 or Kathy at 797-4739.

Baseball tournaments

The Dream Fields Inc. Sports Complex will play host to a series of St. Louis-area baseball tournaments open to Atom, Ban-

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Baseball tryouts

St. Louis-area baseball coaches will conduct tryouts this month for the St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association to select one USA team to play July 27-Aug. 7 in Germany. Players will live in Munich and depart from Frankfurt, touring sites and staying with host families.

Tryouts are open to boys born on Aug. 1, 1979, or later, and will be held 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Cranford Howell North High School, 2549 Hackman Road, in St. Charles. There will be a \$10 registration fee, which is tax-deductible.

For more information, call Madlyn Lecker at (314) 532-5315 or (314) 532-2484.

Softball tournament

The Kirkwood Athletic Association will hold an ASA girls fast-pitch tournament May 19-21 in St. Louis on its fields on Marshall Road. The tournament will feature competition among 8-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams with a three-game guarantee.

Entry fees are \$75 for 8-and-under teams, \$100 for 10-and-under and 12-and-under teams, and \$125 for 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams.

For more information, call Don Lecker at (314) 576-5551.

•Sectional - IHSA basketball

(Continued from Page 1B)

62-60 regional-championship victory Friday over Collinsville, the Tornadoes had a 32-21 halftime lead. They repeatedly burned the Lancers' press in the first half.

"WE FELT LIKE we could really hurt that press," Stephens said. "They run three guys at you. Our idea was to throw over the initial three guys and attack them and try to get them out of the press."

Bellevue East — like Collinsville on Friday — came out strong in the second half, reeling off 13 straight points during the first three minutes of the third quarter to take a 33-30 lead. Terry Tanner led the surge with seven points.

"We had to have something or we would have been long gone (and) out of it," McCrary said. The Tornadoes, however, answered the Lancers' charge, outscoring them 15-6 over the last 4:58 to take a 45-39 lead into the fourth quarter. Chlebuz's three-point play at the 4:33 mark gave the Tornadoes the lead for good.

"I DON'T PANIC with these kids," Stephens said. "If you've seen us play enough, you know that we just seem to have a few quarters together. I wouldn't have to sit here and sweat and almost have a heart attack every time we're out there."

The Lancers got within two points on four occasions in the fourth quarter, but a pair of free throws by Bo Lykins with 19 seconds to play put the Tornadoes in the comfort zone. "I thought our kids played a great second half," McCrary said. "I thought that was the type of half that we needed to start the game out with — and the type of effort that we were looking for (in the first half)."

"They responded to every charge we made," they hit at the end of the game. "I thought we had a few chances there at the end. Clint, Scott (Roh) and Trez had some good shots, and good looks at the basket. Those shots have been going down for us late in a game like that. It wasn't to be."

CLASS AA BOYS

Collinsville Sectional

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Game 1: Collinsville 103, Civic Memorial 54

Game 2: Taylorville 59, East St. Louis Lincoln 45

Game 3: Cahokia 75, Chatham Glenwood 63

Game 4: Bellevue East 72, Alton 62

Game 5: Edwardsville 95, Granite City 49

Game 6: Jacksonville 65, East St. Louis 49

Game 7: O'Fallon 94, Wood River 50

Game 8: Bellevue West 70, Jerseyville 69 (2 OTs)

Game 9: Taylorville 62, Collinsville 60

Game 10: Bellevue East 66, Cahokia 56

Game 11: Edwardsville 88, Jacksonville 56

Game 12: Bellevue West 52, O'Fallon 47

At SUE

Game 13: Taylorville 60, Bellevue East 58

Wednesday, March 8

Game 14: (2) Edwardsville vs. (6) Bellevue West, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10

Championship: (9) Taylorville vs. Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Salem Sectional

Tuesday, March 7

Game 12: Centralia 80, Mattoon 41

Game 13: Highland vs. (3) Mount Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10

Championship: (1) Taylorville vs. Game 13 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Carbondale Super-Sectional

March 14

Collinsville Sectional winner vs. Salem sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament

Friday, March 17

At Assembly Hall

Championship

Game 1: Evanston Sectional winner vs. Aurora Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.

Game 2: DeKalb Sectional winner vs. Normal Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.

Game 3: Carbondale Sectional winner vs. Rockford Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.

Game 4: Chicago Public League winner vs. Hinsdale Central winner, 8:15 p.m.



Ray Smith and the Warriors wrapped up a 5-19 season at Edwardsville on March 1.

Game 5: Taylorville 62, Collinsville 60
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CLASS A BOYS

Vandalia Sectional

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Game 1: Lebanon 79, Farina 70

Game 1: West Pike vs. Stewardson, Strasburg, 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Normal U. vs. Harrisburg, 1:45 p.m.
Game 3: Shelbyville vs. Rock Island, 3:15 p.m.
Game 4: Rock Island Lutheran vs. Aurora Christian, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, March 12
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

CLASS AA GIRLS

State tournament

Thursday, March 2

At Redbird Arena

Normal

Game 1: Mother McAuley 55, Chicago Young 52

Game 2: Normal Community 50, Buffalo Grove 51

Game 3: Freeport 61, Park 47

Game 4: Lincolnshire-Stevenson 70, Joliet 40

Friday, March 3

Game 5: Mother McAuley 56, North Community 52

Game 6: Lincolnshire-Stevenson 60, Joliet 40

Saturday, March 4

Third place: Freeport 61, Normal 63

State championship: Lincolnshire-Stevenson 77, Mother McAuley 47

CLASS A GIRLS

State tournament

Friday, March 3

At Redbird Arena

Normal

Game 1: Normal University 54, Stillman Valley 45

Game 2: Teutopolis 51, Hmhurst 40

Game 3: Carlyle 71, Woodhull 40

Game 4: Gillespie 63, Sidel Jamaica 55

Game 5: Teutopolis 52, Normal University 47

Game 6: Carlyle 50, Gillespie 48

Third place: Normal University 55, Gillespie 48

State championship: Teutopolis 48, Woodhull 40

•Hockey

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to get to the Kiel Center." AFTER ENDING THE regular season 17-2-3, the Warriors defeated Hazelwood East and St. Mary's in two playoff series to reach the semifinals.

But the Warriors could not overcome a first-game semifinal loss to Meville and ended the season with a 1-0 loss to the Panthers on Feb. 25. It was the first shutout loss all year for Granite City.

"I never could have guessed that would happen," Yurkovich said. "We had a lot of confidence going into the series."

An experienced group of seniors combined with a deep bench to lead the Warriors' surge. Two seniors, Matt Wilcox and Jason Crites, led the team in scoring, while seniors Ryan Penrod and Steve Sindt anchored the defense. Another senior, Chris Valencia, was also among the scoring leaders.

SENIOR GOALTENDER John Napper split time in net with a sophomore, Robbie Slater. "They were the leaders for us this year," Yurkovich said. "Those kids, we're going to miss. They've been a big part of the team for the past three years."

Crites finished with a team-leading 53 points on 22 goals and 31 assists. Wilcox led the team in goals with 25 and added 22 assists.

In goal, Napper and Slater rotated behind the defensive pairings of Penrod and sophomore Brian Johnson, and sophomore Joel Skinner and junior Chris Angle and Travis Scroggins.

The Warriors had other talent to go with their top lines of Crites, junior Aaron Reeves and junior Aaron Meyer and Wilson, Valencia and sophomore Mike Guffey. A freshman line of Bryan Loftus, Bobby Pritchard and Bobby Harris saw plenty of time as well as another line made up of freshman David Mickelley, sophomore Chris Hatfield and junior Clint Phelps.

•SIUE

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from Kaskaskia College, will be working to displace him. Freshman Chris Erwin (from Marquette) will also be battling for playing time.

COLLINS SAID So far, the team's infield looks sharp.

Junior Angel Santiago (Home-wood-Flossmoor), a former first baseman and right fielder, will move to third base. His backups are freshman Brett Darby of Leawood, Kan., and junior Brian Geluck (Bellevue East). Both players will back up the Cougars at several infield positions.

Granite City's Jeff Stephens, a transfer from Lewis and Clark College, will take over at shortstop. The speedy Stephens will lead off. Collins said, "He's a great fielder and has great hands — everything you want in a shortstop," Collins said.

Senior Jason Huhsman (Stanton) will move from shortstop to second base, a more natural position for him.

AT FIRST BASE, Jeff Silvey (Odin) appears to have the upper hand. A junior, Silvey batted .286 last summer in the Cen-

tral Illinois Collegiate League. His power from the left side of the plate and speed on the bases should give opponents trouble.

Freshman Mark Steinmann (Mater Dei) also plays first base and will be Silvey's defensive backup. Steinmann is a power hitter and will likely rotate as a designated hitter with an outfielder.

SIUE's four outfielders can play any of the three positions. Ridenour will start in right field when he's not on the mound. Seniors John Spotanski (Hazelwood East) and Marty Lowry (Columbia) will share the outfield duties with freshman Mark Briggs (Roxana).

COLLINS SAID Spotanski has the potential to raise his batting average at least 50 points from last season's .308 mark. Lowry will be the No. 2 man in the lineup with his excellent bunting and baserunning skills, which carried

him to the team lead in stolen bases last season.

SIUE began the season last weekend with victories over Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley State in Fort Myers, Fla.

The Cougars will close out their weeklong road trip to Fort Myers with three more games this weekend against Bloomsburg on Friday and Rosary and Mansfield on Saturday.

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Group to honor Betty McClintock

There were more than 50 members enjoying the evening of fellowship and the Granite Chapter 650 Order of the Eastern Star meeting recently held to celebrate President's Day and to honor the sister chapters.

Worthy Patron Jack DeCourcy opened the meeting with the introduction of Worthy Matron Betty Ebrecht. The worthy matron conducted the meeting beginning with a prayer and by asking the worthy patron to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read by Vee Throne, secretary, and several invitations were extended to the chapter members from other chapters.

The meeting was to honor the Alton, Walton and Bethalto chapters. The following past matrons of Granite Chapter 650 were escorted and introduced by the worthy matron with each giving their grand chapter committee assistance. Kathryn Edmonds, peace garden chapel, Kim Hebbelwhite, youth support, Bess Henley, heart foundation, Virginia John, cancer research, Betty McClintock, creditables, Alice and Vee Throne, registration. The past matrons and past patrons of visiting chapters were escorted and introduced. The worthy matron and worthy patron welcomed each and

thanked them for coming to the meeting, remarking that they are their guiding hands.

Welcomed, escorted and introduced were Sue Depper of the Bethalto Chapter, grand representative to Alabama; George Hair, three illustrious master of the Alton Council of Cryptic Masons of the York Rite; and Jimmy E. and Mary D. Stuart, chapter sweethearts.

Escorted, introduced and seated in the east were Sis Arnold, worthy matron, Walton Chapter; Howard Schouwer, worthy patron of Alton Chapter; and Jill and George Hair, worthy matron and worthy patron of the Bethalto Chapter.

A welcome and introduction was extended to the following grand lecturers: Betty McClintock of Granite Chapter, Francis Darr of Bethalto Chapter and Mary Ann Channey of Alton Chapter.

The following officer protems were thanked for their help: Winona Ramshaw and Jean Hagen, both of Walton Chapter; Francis Darr, Bethalto Chapter; Gertrude Phillips and Bob Morland, both of Alton Chapter; Irene Wilkison of New Hope Chapter; and Jimmy E. Stuart of Granite Chapter.

All other members present were welcomed, introduced and thanked for being the backbone of the chapter and told their continued help is always greatly

appreciated. The names of all known sick members were announced and the worthy matron asked that each be remembered in prayer and by calls, cards and visits.

The worthy matron announced that the next meeting on March 10 would be the theme of St. Patrick's Day and would be to honor Betty McClintock as past instructress for Granite Chapter. Sister Betty has been a dedicated, active member as well as serving as instructress for a number of years.

The fellowship and fun continued downstairs where the tables were decorated with centerpieces of log cabins. Miniature log cabins adorned with landscaping of shrubbery, rocks and an Abraham Lincoln standing at the door were table favors for each person.

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The worthy matron and worthy patron of Granite Chapter are inviting all Eastern Star members to come to the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 10 to help honor sister Betty McClintock.



Class of 1949 — Classes that graduated in various years from Madison High School held a combined reunion Nov. 12 at the Quality Inn. From left, first row, Rosemarie (Hozian) Skrzekowski, Connie (Epperson) Stanfill, Clara (Kones) Znyl Popovchak, and Kathryn (Austin) Jones; second row, Howard Dutko, George Stanfill, Arthur Stawar and Louis Kalela.

Youth group holds bowling party

Kathy Dohnal covers the Madison-Venice scene for the Press-Record Journal. Articles can be sent to 2100 Lynch or she can be contacted at 727-2100.

The following is a recipe submitted by Janet Werner for the weekly recipe swap.

Appetizer Meat Balls
2 lbs. lean ground beef
1 cup (4 oz.) finely shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup finely chopped onions
2 tbs. grated parmesan cheese
1 tbs. salt
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. dried basil
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

In a bowl, combine the ingredients. Mix well. Shape into one-inch balls. Place on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove the meat balls and rack. Drain.

Sauce
1 bottle (14 oz.) hot or regular catsup
2 tbs. corn starch
1 jar (12 oz.) currant jelly
1 jar (12 oz.) currant jelly
Combine catsup and corn starch in roasting pan. Stir in jellies. Add the meat balls. Cover and bake for 30 minutes.

St. Ann's Altar Society met at



Kathy Dohnal

Engelbert Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Father Jim Reeder led the opening prayer. He then spoke on the Lenten schedule for Masses and the rules for abstinence.

Sister Bernadette gave a report on the ill members and their progress.

Nov. 12 has been set for a quilt bazaar at Engelbert Hall. The members were requested to donate desserts for the beef and chicken and dumplings dinner to be held on March 26.

The white elephant was won by Vera Sikora.

The March hostesses will be Vada Krajnovich, Lee Krpan, Margaret Kulaska and Helen Krakowicki.

Others attending were Laura Hopfinger, Karen Bridick, Betty Bulva, Mary Gotzian, Elsie Kmetz, Cecil Kowalczyk, Janet Werner, Mary Clarke, Rosalie Stern, Bea Stentzer, Mary Herman, Lee Lupa, Alexis Lux, Vickie Rzycki, Vickie Perjak, Mary Pogorelec, Alda Jurk.

Eva Berry and Mary Domanski.

St. Mary's Youth Group held a bowling and pizza party on Feb. 11 at Granite Bowl.

Youth's attending were Frank Dorriss, Erin Marlar, Brittany Bulva, Andy and Sara Whitcomb, Lindsey and Jessica Spies, Courtney Dohnal, Bobbie Dorriss, Jonathan Kozak, Aaron Gray, Linda Dohnal, Tiffany and Britany Ballow, Becky and Kevin Henson, Adam Thieria, William and Irene Morgan, Erin Sabo, Tim Mile and Samantha Vandev.

Adults attending were Tom and Kathy Thieria, Ed and Theresa Whitecotton, Cindy Dorriss, Diane Morgan, Sandy Sabo, Charlotte Kozak, Mary Beth Marler, Rose Ann Bulva, Sandy Vandev and Jane Grey.

The Polish Hall Dancers held their annual Valentine's Day dance on Feb. 12.

Performing were William and Hannah Kutosky, Linda Dohnal, Hobbey, Sofia and Cooke Fields, Geoffrey and Michael Lux, Alexis Lux, Stephanie Dohnal, Frankie Holmes, Britany Kall, Courtney Dohnal, Ashley Krawicki, Natalie Ruesing, Vanessa Tutka, David and Jennifer Hartwick, Andrew and Dennis Bisto, Becky Guenther and Chris Jockoda.

Organizations

Esther Circle

Niedringhaus United Methodist Church Esther Circle held its February meeting in the church parlor with Florence Stewart, Leona Bell and Norma Chesterman serving as hostesses.

Marcia Lueurance opened the meeting with prayer. Louise Potillo gave the lesson, "God's Care" and "Bread." Karen Ambuehl read the Least Coin, "Forgive and Forget." The host read a newsletter from missionaries Bill and Roberta Smith. Several upcoming events were discussed.

Esther Circle will be holding a baked potato luncheon on Sunday, March 26. The proceeds will help to kick off the "Feed the Hungry" program at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. Tickets will be available through any United Methodist Women member or in the church office. Those in attendance were Denise Burris, Paula Davis, Alice Bost, Mary Rouland, Leona Bell, Louise Potillo, Carolyn Jenkins, Ethel Lerch, Grace Padlock, Florence Stewart, Norma Chesterman, Karen Ambuehl, Judy Lueurance and Marcia Lueurance.

AARP Chapter 1340

There were 30 happy hearts among the local American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 members as they celebrated the annual Valentine's Day dance at the Granite City Township Hall. Refreshments were served to the 136 members in attendance.

The Valentine's Day decorations and red attire of the members added to the theme. The queen, Eileen Lakatos, and king, John (Pat) Arnette, were chosen for the evening.

The couple was crowned and presented heart-shaped boxes of candy, after which they led the sweetheart dance. The band, Jerry's Kids, provided the music for dancing and listening.

Pauline Hansen, president, held a brief business meeting. The 50-50 winners were selected and 10 attendance prizes were awarded. The special attendance prize name drawing was Proper. Since he was not in attendance.



The AARP Valentine's Day queen and king were Eileen Lakatos and John Arnette.

to claim the prize, it will increase to \$30 for the next drawing at the regular March meeting.

All seniors 50 years of age and older are welcome to attend meetings. For further information, call 576-8328.

Retired School Secretaries
School District 9 Retired Secretaries enjoyed an afternoon at the U.S.A. China Buffet Restaurant on Feb. 2 for their monthly luncheon.

After lunch, the following ladies discussed future plans: Lucille Caban, Millie Chandler, Arlene Haldean, Frieda Andrews, Pearl Kennerly, Helen Favier, Marcella Pilcher, Gladys Wallace, June Schneider, Dec Yates, Dorolyn Larner, Alice Campbell and Annette Landman.

The next luncheon was to have been held Thursday, March 2, at Jerry's Cafeteria.

Trio Unit

The Trio Unit of Madison

County Association for Family and Community Education met at Hope Lutheran Church on Feb. 7 with 31 members present. A dessert luncheon was served by Helen Robertson, Judie Schatz, Marion Hamilos and Lucille Sackett.

Lucille Georgeff, Genevieve Hill and Lorna Henson spoke on "Trees in Our Yard." Members were made aware of the benefits of trees and what types, sizes and shapes are best for different yards. Flowers, shrubs and buildings change, but trees last for generations.

Marion Lybarger, chairman, opened the business meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She appointed Clara Trgovich, Helen Miller and Lorna Henson to a committee to make arrangements for the district meeting to be held in May.

Vivian Jurshee gave a report on "Food for Thought." Judy Schatz and Joyce Bennington attended a craft workshop in Edwardsville on Jan. 30. They showed heart sweat shirts and other projects. They will show members how to make them on May 2.

The annual meeting of the Illinois Association for Family and Community Education will be held at the Holiday Inn East in Springfield, Ill., March 28-30. The theme will be "Families — Challenge of the Future."

The county annual meeting will be held April 24 at Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville with guest speaker Paulette Hinton on "History of Quilts."

Prizes were won by Doris Anderson, Helen Miller, Naomi Chapman and Pauline Nichols.

Births

Nicholas Perry

David and Kimberly Perry of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Nicholas James was born at 2:17 a.m. Dec. 8, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Ed and Geri Smith of Bolingbrook, Ill.

Roland and Anne Perry of Fairview Heights are the paternal grandparents.

Miriam Reed

Edgar and Dawn Reed of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Miriam Elizabeth was born at 4:41 a.m. Dec. 8, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins Aaron, 4, Zachary, 5.

Len and Ola Austin of Glen Carbon are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Gerald and Charlene Reed of Granite City.

Ty Allen

Shawn and Susan Allen of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their fourth child, a son.

Ty Mattingly was born at 5:05 p.m. Dec. 11, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins Aimie, 8, Katie, 6, and Kendell, 3.

The maternal grandparents are Thomas and Nancy Metzler of Edwardsville.

Ann and Tom of Granite City is his paternal grandfather.

Emily McEarnen

Daniel and Susan McEarnen of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Emily Ann was born at 1:21 p.m. Dec. 12, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins Zachary, 3.

Robert Blazinic of O'Fallon and Barbara Penn of Collinsville are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Robert and Inge McEarnen of Bonnet, Mo.

Nicholas Knight

Allen and Kellie Knight of Cahokia have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Nicholas Quinn was born at 8:16 p.m. Dec. 15, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins Emily, 11 months.

His maternal grandparents are Rod and Carol Thompson of Columbia.

Russell and Carlyn Knight of Maryville are the paternal grandparents.

Alyssa Schmidt

Todd and Robyn Schmidt of Troy have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Alyssa Marie was born at 3:05 a.m. Dec. 16, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins James Bowler and Frances James Bowler and Frances James Bowler.

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